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April 26, 1991

The Honourable Dr. D. Carter
Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Alberta
325 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

1990-91 Attorney General Annual Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Attorney General for the fiscal period April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991.

During the 1990-91 fiscal year the Department continued to successfully meet the many challenges associated with providing the citizens of Alberta with a fair and timely justice system.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Rostad, Q.C.
Attorney General

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April 25, 1991

The Honourable Ken Rostad, Q.C.,
Attorney General of Alberta,
423 Legislature Building,
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Attorney,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Department of the Attorney General for the year ending March 31, 1991.

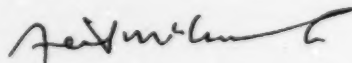
This past fiscal year saw the Government of Alberta involved in a reorganizational process that affected the Department. As the result of an Order-in-Council on March 14, 1991, the Ministerial responsibility for the Alberta Gaming Commission and the Gaming Control Branch was transferred from Attorney General to the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services. In addition, as of April 1, 1991, the Land Compensation Board was assigned to the Minister of Agriculture and the Native Land Claims Branch was assigned to the Solicitor General.

As part of our on-going commitment to maintaining and continually improving our province's quality justice system, the Department was engaged in an extensive internal review process in the latter part of this fiscal year. As a result, a series of Justice System Initiatives, that we feel will offer many long term benefits, will be implemented during the 1991-92 fiscal year.

The legal representation provided by Department lawyers continued to be of the highest calibre, both in their responsibilities to carry out prosecutions and to represent the Department of the Attorney General and other provincial government departments as necessary.

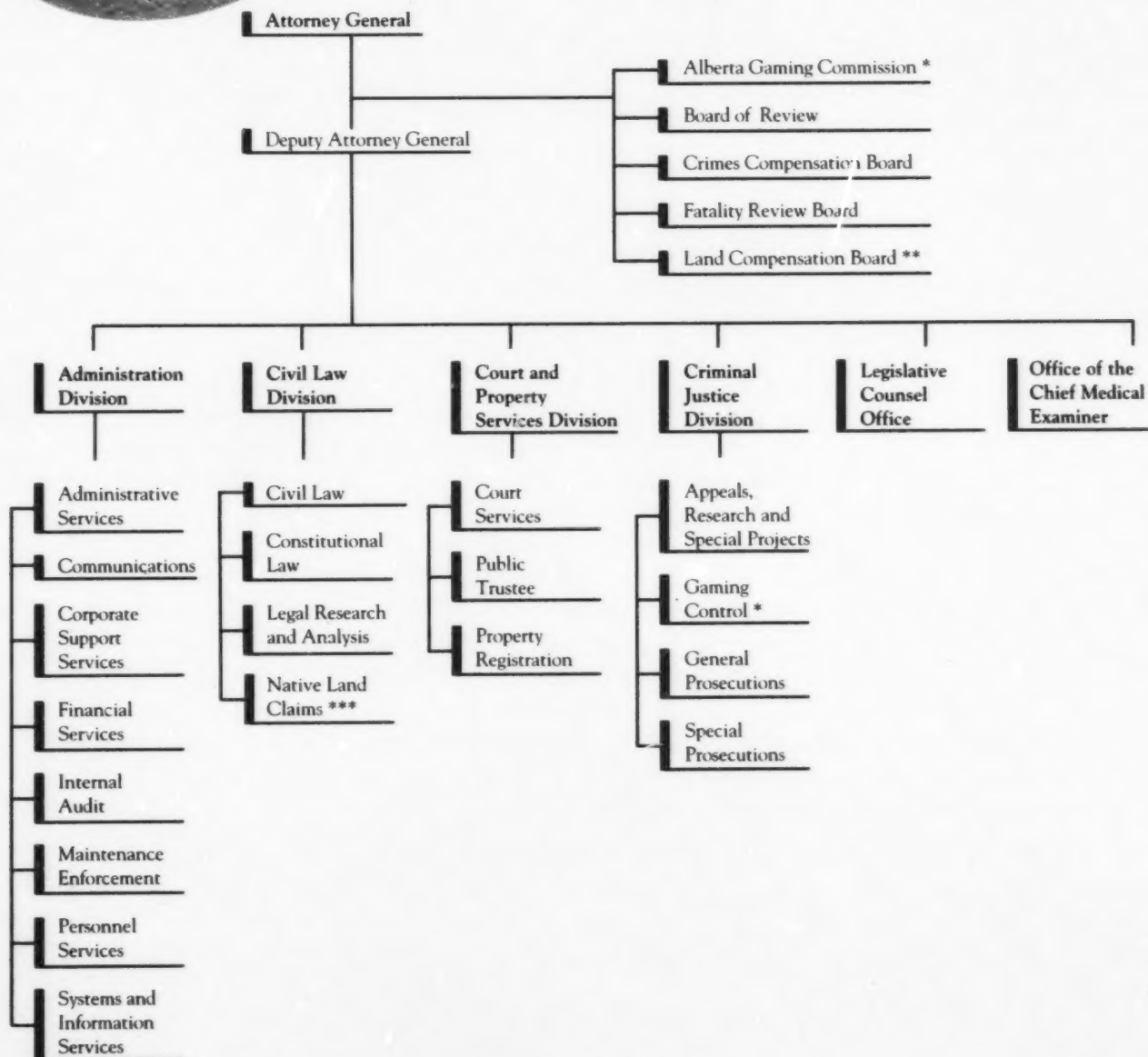
In conclusion, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the dedicated and enthusiastic efforts of all Department staff as together we remain committed to providing Albertans with the quality justice system that they have come to expect and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,



Neil McCrank, Q.C.
Deputy Attorney General

ORGANIZATION CHART



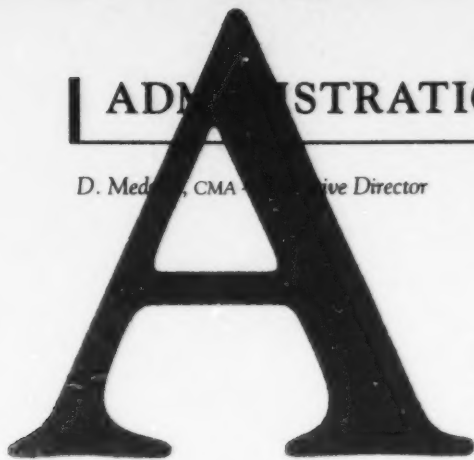
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** Effective April 1, 1991 Ministerial responsibility for the Land Compensation Board was transferred to the Honourable Shirley McClellan, Associate Minister of Agriculture

*** Effective April 1, 1991 Ministerial responsibility for the Native Land Claims Branch was transferred to the Honourable Dick Fowler, Solicitor General

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

D. Medley, CMA - Executive Director



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BRANCH

H.A. Brinton - Director

This Division provides various support functions to the program areas of the Department. Staff from the eight Branches are responsible for providing non-legal services such as management information, human resources, internal auditing, electronic data processing, public and media relations, and financial and administrative services. The Division also includes the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

The Executive Director, in addition to being head of the Administration Division, is also the Senior Financial Officer responsible for the Department's compliance with the provisions of the Financial Administration Act and the policies and procedures issued by the Office of the Controller.

Function and organization:

There are four sections in the Branch which provide ongoing administrative functions for the Department:

■ Materials and Facilities

This section is a central purchasing and supply service. Staff also administer facility and accommodation projects and coordinate word processing systems;

■ Official Documents and Appointments

Staff in this section process appointments and maintain files on Alberta's 29,919 commissioners for oaths and 505 notaries public. The section also manages the Provincial Secretary's Office;

■ Records and Micrographic Services

This section supplies all manner of records management, microfilming, processing, editing and duplicating to the Department. Staff run the central records office, the records disposition program and microfilm labs. In 1990-91 staff made 6,263,341 camera exposures in the course of creating micrographic records;

■ Special Services

In this section staff maintain a forms management program and operate a reprographics unit.

COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

L.J. Gronow - Director

Function and organization:

With two Public Affairs Officers and two support staff, the Branch provides a variety of communications services to the Department. A primary function of the Branch is media relations. Branch staff provide information to reporters throughout the province on criminal case dispositions, appeals, fatality inquiries and Department policy and process. The Branch also handles similar information requests from the public. Branch staff identify and research issues and public concerns, and as the Attorney General is the Minister responsible for Native Affairs, they respond to media inquiries concerning Native issues. In addition, the Branch provides public relations counsel to the Department's executive management and its affiliated boards and agencies.

CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES BRANCH

R. Petruk, Ph.D. – Director

Activities:

■ News releases

Branch staff write and distribute news releases on a number of subjects including fatality inquiries, judicial and Queen's Counsel appointments, Native land claims, new legislation and news regarding affiliated boards and agencies;

■ Production

Branch staff coordinates a full range of production services for the Department including photography and framing; displays; graphic design; print production; advertising services; audio visual production; and writing and editorial assistance as required.

Besides the production of brochures for various Department branches and affiliated boards and agencies, the Communications Branch also produces 'In General', a quarterly staff newsletter. In addition to this, Communications produces annual reports/reviews for the Medical Examiner, the Crimes Compensation Board, and the Department as a whole. Throughout the year the Branch is involved with the coordination of news conferences and special events as required.

Function and organization:

In August of 1990, the Planning and Policy Coordination Branch and the Executive Support Services Branch amalgamated to form the Corporate Support Services Branch. The eight staff members continue to coordinate the collection, analysis and distribution of information throughout the Department. Departmental managers receive management information on programs, policies, trends and topical issues relating to the administration of justice. As well as responding to information requests from the various branches, Corporate Support Services provides technical advice and assistance with information analysis and presentation.

Activities:

■ Management information

As part of the Branch's responsibility for providing executive support, Branch staff planned, developed and implemented management information systems;

■ Program support

The Branch provided information, analysis and policy support to program managers. This included analyses of court and prosecutor workloads and justice trends;

■ Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

The Branch continued to act as liaison for the Department with the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. This included providing up-to-date information for publications and disseminating Centre data for the Department.

FINANCIAL SERVICES BRANCH

D.I. Hope, B. Comm.,

CMA – Director

Function and organization:

There are three sections in the Financial Services Branch:

- the Financial Planning section coordinates the preparation of departmental budgets and the management review of spending against plans;
- the Expenditures section verifies and processes all departmental accounts payable and payroll transactions;
- the Revenue and Trust section processes and provides central control over the receipt and banking of revenues and trust monies received by the Department.

For statements of revenue and expenditures see Appendix B, page 26.

INTERNAL AUDIT BRANCH

E.T.N. Berg C.A. – Director

Function and organization:

With a staff of seven, the Internal Audit Branch provides the Department's management team with audit coverage of the whole Department. The Branch places emphasis on management control of operations, finances and the system development process. Using an independent, systematic appraisal process, Branch staff collect information on financial and management procedures and controls and the efficiency and effectiveness of Department programs. Staff analyze the information and advise management of the relative adequacy of these activities.

MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

G.C. Leibel – Director

Function and organization:

The Program was developed to ensure that court orders for child support and spousal maintenance are collected and paid to the appropriate individuals. The Program may use public searches and provincial and federal government information banks to locate individuals who should be paying maintenance. Once individuals who are required to pay have been located, the Program staff use methods specified by the Maintenance Enforcement Act to collect the payments.

On average, the Maintenance Enforcement Program receives 600 new files each month. Since the program began in February 1986, 45,846 orders have been processed. During fiscal 1990-91, the Program collected \$44.4 million of which \$10 million was recovered for the Crown.

PERSONNEL SERVICES BRANCH

G.D. Dawson - Director

Activities:

■ System maintenance

The Program is highly automated and improvements are constantly being made to the computer system to improve service and save man hours;

■ Direct withdrawal system

To complement the direct deposit system implemented in 1990, a direct withdrawal system has been initiated whereby funds will be electronically withdrawn from a debtor's bank account. Clients can choose to use these innovative electronic systems which offer a convenient, efficient, secure and time saving alternative to the postal system;

■ Service code and goals

Program employees are committed to working towards the goals contained in their Code of Service by placing emphasis on the human factor and being sensitive and courteous to their clients while pursuing excellence as a standard in all duties.

Function and organization:

As a centralized human resource service, this Branch provides services to the Department which include:

- recruitment and selection
- position classification
- staff development
- organizational analysis
- human resource planning
- staff relations
- benefit administration

Activities:

■ Organizational reviews

Personnel Services assisted with organizational changes in the Systems and Information Services Branch, Land Titles, and Personal Property Registry;

■ Series review

The Branch completed allocation of clerical employees to the new Administrative Support Series and processed appeals emanating from these allocation decisions. Over 1,000 of the department's 2,500 employees were affected by this series review;

■ New series development

A new Four Level Legal Officer Class Series was developed and implemented in various legal divisions. The new series provides for an extra level of recognition for management and expert responsibilities. Approximately 250 lawyers were encompassed in the new series;

■ Recruitment and staff development

A total of 10,500 applications were received and approximately 1,300 interviews were conducted.

Over 1,000 employees received training through 86 in-house courses.

SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION SERVICES BRANCH

J. Sorensen – Director

Function and organization:

The 24 staff members of the Systems and Information Services Branch provide data processing services to the Department, which is highly dependent on automation. There are over 1,500 users of electronic data processing in the Department using systems ranging from massive province wide data base systems to personal computers. The branch staff is organized in work groups supporting the various business areas of the Department. Branch staff:

- select consultants
- determine requirements
- select and acquire computer hardware and software
- provide project management skills
- develop systems
- maintain and enhance systems
- implement and support systems
- provide training

Activities:

■ System implementation

Implementation of the Personal Property Information System (PERPIS).

The Branch participated in the development and implementation of this new system, which supports the Personal Property Security Act. The system was implemented on schedule, October 1, 1990, and is being maintained by branch staff;

■ Data base administration

Support of the Alberta Land Titles Automation (ALTA) System. The Branch is responsible for data base administration while the Property Registration Branch is responsible for maintenance and enhancements. This fiscal year saw rapid growth in the use of ALTA, as conversion of paper data to electronic form progressed, and the volume of land transactions grew with the improved economic climate. Branch staff were extremely busy ensuring computer resources were optimized and data integrity maintained;

■ System maintenance and support

Support of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). This system is maintained by branch staff who are assisted by consultants during special requirements and large enhancements. In 1990-91, CJIS was modified to provide a common data entry point for both CJIS and the Court Automation System (CAP).

Charge data is now being captured at source by most law enforcement agencies, reducing errors due to transcription and reducing manpower usage.

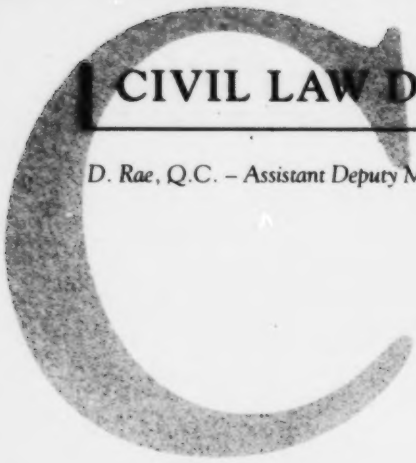
■ Support of the Maintenance

Enforcement Tracking System (METS)

The support team implemented modifications to the system to permit direct deposit into recipients' bank accounts. This reduces delay and inconvenience for clients and provides savings for the government, due to the low cost of electronic funds transfers compared to processing cheques;

■ Word processing migrations

Branch staff were heavily involved in planning and implementing migrations from obsolete word processing equipment to modern micro computers. Major projects were initiated in the Public Trustee's Office, the Bowker Building, and in courts throughout the province. In many cases, savings on maintenance of old equipment provided a budgetary benefit in addition to improved functionality.



CIVIL LAW DIVISION

D. Rae, Q.C. – Assistant Deputy Minister

CIVIL LAW BRANCH

R.N. Dunne – Executive Director

The Civil Law Division is composed of four branches: Civil Law, Constitutional Law, Legal Research and Analysis, and the Native Land Claims Branch.

The Civil Law Branch is responsible for providing day to day legal services to the departments of the government. The Constitutional Law Branch provides specialized advice to the government concerning constitutional law matters. The provision of legislative policy advice to the Attorney General is the primary responsibility of the Legal Research and Analysis Branch. The Native Land Claims Branch is responsible for representing the Government of Alberta in all Native land claims negotiations.

Function and organization:

With 64 legal positions and 41 administrative and support staff, the Civil Law Branch provides civil legal advice and services to all provincial government departments and many government boards and agencies. Branch staff are located in the Department's offices in Calgary and Edmonton, with some lawyers seconded to other government departments. Lawyers are organized into groups, with each group responsible for providing services to one or more of the departments, boards or agencies. In addition, separate groups conduct civil litigation commenced by or against the provincial government and provide specialized legal advice in native, securities, and family law areas.

Activities:

■ Ongoing projects

Branch lawyers provide a variety of civil legal services which include:

- Preparing legal opinions;
- Drafting agreements and other legal documentation;
- Appearing as counsel for the Crown in all courts of civil jurisdiction, including the Supreme Court of Canada;
- Representing the Crown in proceedings before various administrative boards, commissions and tribunals;
- Appearing on behalf of the Attorney General at public inquiries under the Fatality Inquiries Act;
- Serving on various interdepartmental committees.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW BRANCH

N.D. Steed – Director

Function and organization:

With a staff of six lawyers and four administrative support people, the Branch acts as a source of constitutional law expertise to the Alberta government. Branch lawyers provide legal advice to all provincial government departments and represent them before courts and tribunals.

Activities:

■ Ongoing projects:

The Branch continued:

- Defending constitutionally challenged legislation on behalf of the Attorney General and other government departments in all courts including the Supreme Court of Canada;
- Reviewing government policies, practices and legislation for the purpose of identifying and analyzing potential constitutional problems;
- Providing legal advice on constitutional issues to the Attorney General and other government departments.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BRANCH

C.W. Dalton – Director

Function and organization:

The Legal Research and Analysis Branch provides a broad range of legal policy advice to the Attorney General on legislative matters. As part of the Department's administrative responsibility, the three Branch lawyers consider proposals from various sources for new legislation and for amendments to existing legislation. They then make recommendations to the Attorney General regarding the proposals. In preparing recommendations, they consult with other government departments, other provincial governments, the federal government, law reform agencies, the legal profession and the public.

Activities:

■ Free trade

During the year, the Branch provided ongoing advice on the Free Trade Agreement and other international trade matters to government departments;

In addition, Branch staff actively participated in the "Fresh, Chilled and Frozen Pork" countervail action involving Alberta producers that was commenced in the United States;

■ New legislation

During the year the Legislative Assembly passed legislation that Branch staff were involved in developing including the: International Conventions Act; Legal Profession Act; and the Gratuitous Passengers and Interspousal Tort Immunity Statutes Amendment Act. In addition staff were involved with the development of legislation relating to arbitrations, powers of attorney, family law and various miscellaneous statute amendments;

■ Representation/membership Branch staff:

- Served as counsel to the joint government/industry Task Force on Builders' Liens;
- Served as counsel to the Alberta Task Force on the Recognition of Foreign Qualifications;
- Served on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Law Reform Institute;
- Served as a Commissioner for Alberta at the Uniform Law Conference of Canada;
- Served on the Joint Law Society of Alberta and the Government of Alberta Library Committee.

NATIVE LAND CLAIMS BRANCH*

K. Bouillier – Director

Function and organization:

With two professional staff and the Director, the Native Land Claims Branch provides policy advice, coordinates the involvement of other government departments and represents the Government of Alberta in all land claims negotiations.

Activities:

■ Land claim settlements

The Native Land Claims Branch was involved in the negotiation of a number of outstanding land claims. In the fall of 1990, an agreement-in-principle was reached on a settlement of the Woodland Cree Band's land entitlement under Treaty No. 8. Under the terms of the agreement-in-principle, the Band will receive 35,200 acres of land, including mines and minerals, as Reserves and \$18.5 million from the federal and provincial governments for socio-economic development. In addition, the federal government will provide \$35.2 million for capital construction on the new Reserves and the provincial government will provide a special training and employment program at a cost of \$3 million.

- effective April 1, 1991 Ministerial responsibility for the Native Land Claims Branch was transferred to the Honourable Dick Fowler, Solicitor General

COURT AND PROPERTY SERVICES DIVISION

Assistant Deputy Minister – J.E. Klinck, Q.C.

COURT SERVICES BRANCH

Executive Director – Vacant

The Court and Property Services Division consists of three branches, Court Services, Property Registration and the Office of the Public Trustee.

Court Services provides administrative support to the courts within the province. This branch is also responsible for the law libraries and the court computer system.

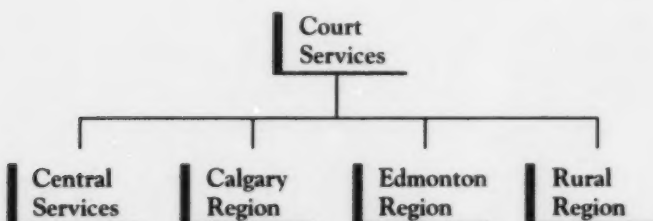
The Public Trustee acts as trustee to dependent adults, administers the estates of deceased persons who die without a will and have no adult relatives living in the province; and acts as guardian for the estates of missing persons and children under the age of majority.

The Property Registration Branch is comprised of the Land Titles Offices and the Personal Property Registry. Land Titles is responsible for registering documents affecting the ownership of interests in land, issuing and updating of titles, maintaining custody of original documents and titles and providing searches of titles and documents to the public. The Personal Property Registry is responsible for the registration of financing statements and financing change statements regarding security interests in personal property, the custody of such statements and the provision of searches in respect to personal property.

Function and organization:

The Court Services Branch, with 946 employees, provides administrative support to all of the courts within the province.

There are four service areas within the Court Services Branch. Central Services develops policy and procedure, co-ordinates and prepares budgets and designs and prints court forms. Central Services is also responsible for the law libraries, computer systems for the courts and the central reporting/recording unit. The remaining service areas are divided into three regions: Calgary, Edmonton and Rural.



The following services are provided in each region:

■ **Court administration**

Court administration staff accept documents from the public, law enforcement agencies and other parties. They file and maintain court documents, records and exhibits and receive and account for fines and fees. These personnel are also present at all court proceedings to call the court to order, swear in witnesses, make records of the proceedings and accept exhibits. Court administration staff reside at 24 locations throughout the province;

■ **Reporting/recording**

Court reporting/recording staff are present at all court proceedings and make verbatim records of the proceedings;

■ **Sheriff's operations**

The Sheriff's Office serves and enforces court orders and documents including jury summonses and writs effecting seizures and evictions;

Activities:

■ **System update**

The system used for tracking Criminal charges and processing traffic tickets continued to experience very high usage levels throughout the year. The equipment used to operate the Civil case tracking system was upgraded in both Edmonton and Calgary.

Microcomputer usage continued to grow, with equipment being acquired on behalf of a number of groups, often replacing obsolete units;

■ **Court reporting/recording**

Court proceedings are reported or recorded to allow for the production of verbatim transcripts. Transcript orders in 1990 totalled approximately 772,000 pages, an increase of 44,000 over 1989;

■ **Law libraries**

Libraries acquired a total of 10,781 volumes in 1990-91. The total provincial collection is 396,536 volumes. Staff noted increases in computer-assisted research and major research questions. Circulation of items in the collection and reference questions also increased;

■ **Court activities**

See caseload statistics Appendix D, page 30.

PROPERTY REGISTRATION BRANCH

K.B. Payne, L.L.B. - Director

Function and organization:

The Property Registration Branch is divided into two units, the Land Titles Offices and the Personal Property Registry. Within their own areas, the units perform many similar functions, including searches and registrations of documents related to property.

Land Titles Offices

The Land Titles Offices, in Calgary and Edmonton, guarantee ownership of title to land, register documents affecting the ownership of interests in land, and provide searches of their records.

Activities:

■ **ALTA Project**

Development of the Alberta Land Titles Automation (ALTA) system continued, with implementation of modules relating to accounting, historical search, tax arrears and management statistics. By the end of the fiscal year, over 95 percent of all registrations were being processed on the computer system and 59 percent of all titles had been converted from paper to computer. The remaining titles are scheduled to be converted by December, 1992. A pilot project for a remote search facility which allows customers to retrieve title information at their offices via computer screen, printer or FAX, was successfully completed;

■ Trends

Real estate activity was initially very high in 1990-91 but quickly declined, resulting in an overall decrease of 1.5 percent for document registrations compared to the previous year. Survey plan registrations, however, increased by 13 percent over 1989-90 with the most significant growth being in condominium plan registrations which more than doubled from 106 to 238;

Personal Property Registry

The Personal Property Registry registers security interests and liens on property other than land and provides searches of registered information.

Activities:

■ Personal Property Security Act (PPSA)

The PPSA was enacted in the 1988 spring session of the Legislative Assembly, becoming effective on October 1, 1990. Following a public review process, the Act was amended in the 1990 spring session. With the enactment of the PPSA, the Central Registry, Vehicle Registry and Corporate Mortgage Registry were amalgamated to form the Personal Property Registry;

■ Personal Property Information System (PERPIS)

Development of PERPIS proceeded as planned. The system was implemented on October 1, 1990 to coincide with the enactment of the PPSA.

Furthermore, work has commenced on developing a remote access facility to enable Registry clients to conduct searches and registrations electronically from their own offices;

■ Transfer of Partnerships/Trade Names

The responsibility for partnerships/trade names was transferred to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs effective September 1, 1990;

PUBLIC TRUSTEE

W.A. deNance

■ Plain language project

The Registry conducted a pilot project for the Department in the use of plain language. A plain language approach was adopted in the development of Registry forms and guides;

■ Seminars

Registry staff continued to participate in seminars sponsored by the Legal Education Society of Alberta to provide instruction on the PPSA and the completion of Registry forms to lawyers, legal assistants, business persons and employees of financial institutions;

■ Trends

Following the enactment of the PPSA, there was a marked increase in both registrations and searches. Overall, there was a seven percent increase in registrations for a total of 612,390 and searches increased 5.5 percent, totalling 585,606.

Function and organization:

With offices in Calgary and Edmonton, the Public Trustee:

- Acts as Trustee to dependent adults (people who are unable to administer their own financial affairs because of a mental disability);
- Administers deceased persons' estates when they die intestate (without leaving a will) if the deceased persons have no adult relatives in the province;
- Acts as guardian by protecting the assets and financial interests of missing persons and children under 18 years of age.

Activities:

In total 19,895 cases were administered by the Public Trustee in 1990-91, up 263 cases from the previous year. Total trust assets under administration rose from 234 million in 1989-90 to 242 million in 1990-91. Larger estates with more varied assets account for the increase under administration;

Some 2,978 new cases were undertaken in this fiscal period, down 1.8 percent from last year and 2,715 cases were concluded during the 1990-91 fiscal year.

The Public Trustee's Office is divided into three sections:

■ Official guardian

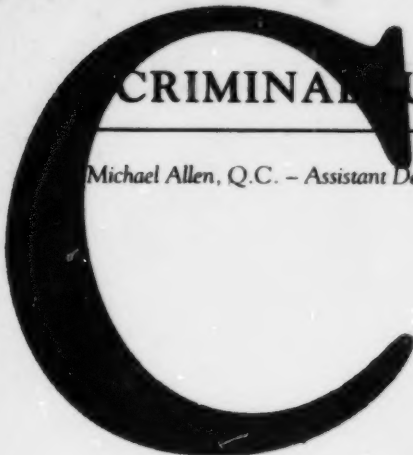
During 1990-91 the Public Trustee became official guardian for 2,219 new estates of children and missing persons. This is a 6.2 percent increase over the 2,090 new cases undertaken by the Public Trustee in 1989-90;

■ Dependent adults

The Public Trustee opened 248 dependent adult files, a 21 percent decrease from the previous year's 314 cases;

■ Deceased estates

This year, 511 files were opened in this area, a decrease of 18.7 percent from the 629 files opened the previous year.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION

Michael Allen, Q.C. – Assistant Deputy Minister

APPEALS AND CRIMINAL LAW POLICY BRANCH

Paul C. Bourque – Director

The principal function of the Criminal Justice Division is the prosecution of all offences under the Criminal Code, the Young Offenders Act, and the Provincial Statutes in all the courts of the province and in the Supreme Court of Canada.

The 1990-91 fiscal year has seen the Division take initiatives to help improve the quality of justice in the province. A major working group was formed to provide a report to the Attorney General on justice initiatives in the province.

The Criminal Justice Information System went province-wide to provide input to Court Services, policy agencies and Crown offices.

The Criminal Justice Division is divided into three branches.

Function and organization:

The Appeals and Criminal Law Policy Branch has offices in Edmonton and Calgary and is staffed by the Director and six appellate counsel. In Alberta the Court of Appeal sits regularly in both cities requiring an office in both centres. The Branch performs a variety of functions for the Department relative to criminal appeals and criminal law policy including:

- Responsibility for all criminal appeals to the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. Appellate counsel review appeal recommendations from crown prosecutors in order to advise the Director as to whether an appeal by the Crown against either conviction or sentence is warranted. Appellate counsel are assigned to prepare and argue appeals both by the Crown and the accused in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada;
- Review constitutional questions stated by the Supreme Court of Canada to determine if the Attorney General should intervene and, if appropriate, prepare and argue the intervention;
- Review and co-ordinate challenges to the Criminal Code and the Young Offenders Act brought pursuant to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In those cases involving challenges to important legislative provisions, to prepare and argue the constitutional issues raised in the case;
- Provide senior management with information on recent important decisions and legislation. In addition to provide senior management with options concerning criminal law policy;
- Organize and distribute recent unreported judgments of the criminal courts across Canada to prosecutors as well as provide advice to prosecutors and law enforcement officials.

GAMING CONTROL BRANCH*

W.W. McCall – Director

Activities:

■ Continuing legal education

The Branch organizes the Alberta Crown Attorney's School held the second week of August in Red Deer and the Western Canada Crown Seminar held the third week of April in Banff. Both of these seminars are held annually and attract Crown Prosecutors from across Western Canada. In addition the Branch publishes the "Weekly Bulletin" and the quarterly "Newsletter" containing summaries of recent unreported judgements and articles on topics of current interest;

■ Charter co-ordination

There are at any given time 50 to 100 Charter challenges to various provisions of the Criminal Code and the Young Offenders Act. The Branch reviews all challenges and depending on various factors, provides the prosecutor with advice on how best to meet the challenge or in challenges to important provisions, takes carriage of the constitutional issue;

■ Sentence appeals

The Branch has seen a steady increase in the number of sentence appeals over the past year. The Court of Appeal sits once per month in both Edmonton and Calgary and hears anywhere from 40 to 80 sentence appeals over a period of two to three days at each sitting.

Function and organization:

The Gaming Control Branch works in conjunction with the Alberta Gaming Commission to license charitable organizations to conduct gaming events to raise funds for charitable purposes.

The Branch has an investigative staff of nine in Edmonton and seven in Calgary. Eleven audit clerks review all financial reports submitted and six licence reviewers, together with support staff, prepare all licencing documents for Commission signature. The Gaming Control Branch has a total complement of 58 positions.

Branch staff:

- Review all gaming applications for the Alberta Gaming Commission, the province's independent gaming licence issuing authority;
- Audit all financial reports submitted by licencees;
- Investigate all public complaints related to gaming.

Activities:

■ Inspection program

To increase accountability, the Branch began a new inspection program of pull ticket operations. As part of the program, the Branch doubled the number of inspections and spot field audits of bingo;

■ Terms and conditions review

In order to accommodate changing practices and new technology, the Branch reviewed all bingo and casino terms and conditions. In keeping with advancing technology, a new and progressive set of bingo and casino terms and conditions were prepared for the Alberta Gaming Commission;

■ Equipment update:

The Branch acquired sophisticated equipment to examine pull tickets for evidence of poor quality, enabling staff to halt the marketing of inferior tickets.

* effective March 14, 1991 Ministerial responsibility of the Alberta Gaming Commission and the Gaming Control Branch was transferred to the Honourable Ken Kowalski, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services.

GENERAL PROSECUTIONS BRANCH

Director – Vacant

Peter Teasdale – Assistant Director

Function and Organization:

The General Prosecutions Branch is divided into 12 jurisdictions with a Chief Crown Prosecutor for each area. The 126 lawyers in the General Prosecutions Branch are engaged by the Department to represent the Crown and conduct prosecutions on behalf of Albertans.

The Assistant Director has jurisdiction over 10 field offices: Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Hinton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Peace River, Red Deer, St. Paul, Vegreville and Wetaskiwin. In each of these offices there is a Chief Crown Prosecutor.

The Chief Crown Prosecutors in Calgary and Edmonton oversee operations from these two large centres, utilizing the various satellite offices.

Activities:

■ Pollution prosecutions

During the year, the Department continued to prosecute significant pollution offences;

■ Additional suboffice

A High Level suboffice was established fulfilling an important initiative in bringing a Crown presence to the Far North;

■ Quebec/Alberta Prosecutor Exchange Program

This prosecutor exchange provides in-depth French language training for some of our Crown Prosecutors.

SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS BRANCH

B.R. Fraser, Q.C. – Director

Function and organization:

With four lawyers in the Edmonton office and three in the Calgary office, the Special Prosecutions Branch prosecutes all complex, protracted and high-profile criminal cases that arise within Alberta and fall within the Branch's area of responsibility. All seven lawyers are highly specialized prosecutors in this area which includes:

- significant commercial or corporate crime;
- organized crime;
- interprovincial and international crime;
- crimes alleged to have been committed against government;
- prosecutions relating to criminal contempt of court;
- crimes alleged to have been committed by members of the Law Society in the course of their law practice;
- crimes alleged to have been committed by government employees arising in the course of their employment;
- all matters relating to the new Proceeds of Crime legislation;
- other cases directed to Special Prosecutions by the Assistant Deputy Minister (Criminal Justice).

Directing these types of cases to Special Prosecutions Branch prosecutors ensures the best possible legal decisions during investigation and when the charges are laid. Also, it ensures the most effective preparation and the highest degree of excellence throughout the court process.

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EGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE

agano, Q.C. – Chief Legislative Counsel

Function and organization:

With nine legal staff, the Legislative Counsel Office drafts all Government Bills, regulations and orders-in-council. In order to prepare and compose these documents, Office staff consult with ministers, deputy ministers, board chairmen and senior government officials.

Activities:

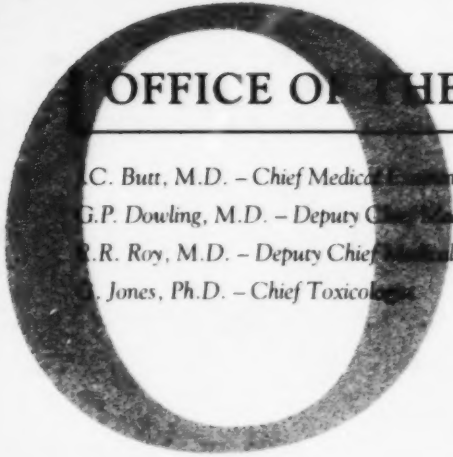
■ Draft legislation implemented

During the 1990-91 fiscal year the Division drafted:

- 63 public Acts which received royal assent
- 794 orders-in-council
- the majority of the 425 regulations filed under the Regulations Act

■ Ongoing revisions

Revisions of Alberta regulations continued throughout the year



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

A.C. Butt, M.D. – Chief Medical Examiner

G.P. Dowling, M.D. – Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Edmonton

R.R. Roy, M.D. – Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Calgary

D. Jones, Ph.D. – Chief Toxicologist

Function and Organization:

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the Province of Alberta is responsible by statute* for investigation and certification of all unexpected or unexplained deaths and some unattended deaths. This includes all deaths in custody and most post-operative hospital deaths.

The medical examiner system is under the direction of the Chief Medical Examiner. It is managed from two regional offices, one located in Calgary and the other in Edmonton, each under the direction of a Deputy Chief Medical Examiner.

Approximately 150 medical examiners and 25 pathologists are on a part-time, fee-for-service basis throughout the province.

The Office is associated with the university communities and provides training to students, police officers, pathology trainees and professionals in various health-related disciplines.

Activities:

- Investigation of about 30 percent of the deaths in Alberta. In 1990-91 this represented 3,364 cases.
- Tissue donation was encouraged by co-operation with hospitals. In 1990-91, 51 pairs of corneas were donated to help sight impaired persons.
- Research into some preventable deaths such as back-country skiing and horse-back fatalities were completed.

* The Fatalities Inquiries Act and the Vital Statistics Act.

BOARD AND AGENCIES

ALBERTA GAMING COMMISSION*

K.C. Jashee, C.M. – Chairman

Function and organization:

With a full-time chairman and six part-time members, the Alberta Gaming Commission licences charitable and religious organizations to raise funds for charitable purposes by conducting gaming events. The Commission works in conjunction with the Gaming Control Branch. The Commission conducts public hearings periodically throughout the year in Calgary and Edmonton to review:

- organizations' eligibility for licence
- requests to amend gaming policy
- submissions requesting new types of gaming activities

The Commission publishes an annual review summarizing each year's activities including new developments and licenced gaming statistics.

Activities:

- Groups in smaller communities were given the ability to compete more effectively with bingo associations in larger centres. They are now eligible to sell pull-tickets in conjunction with bingos in multi-purpose community facilities.
- All groups conducting larger gaming events now have to be formally incorporated.
- Introduced one new game in casinos – mini-baccarat;
- Encouraged the development of improved security standards in casinos and bingos to reduce the risk faced by volunteers.

* effective March 14, 1991 Ministerial responsibility for the Gaming Commission and the Gaming Control Branch was transferred to the Honourable Ken Kowalski, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services

BOARD OF REVIEW

M.G. Stevens-Guille, Q.C. – Chairman

Function and organization:

The Board of Review is mandated and constituted pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada dealing with persons charged with an offence under the Code but found either unfit to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity. The Code provides that the Lieutenant Governor of the Province may issue an order for the safe custody of such persons.

The function of the Board is to review the cases of such persons on a periodic basis and make recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor. Recommendations pertain to whether such persons have recovered sufficiently to stand trial, or in the case of a person who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity, whether such person has recovered and if so, if it is in the interest of the public and of that person for the Lieutenant Governor to order that such person be discharged absolutely or on such conditions as the Lieutenant Governor may prescribe.

The Board is appointed by order-in-council of the Province and is presently made up of a chairman, two psychiatrists, a lawyer and a member of the public, who serve on a part-time basis.

CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD

B.A. Nahornick, M.D. – Chairman

The Board meets to review all persons so subject to the order of the Lieutenant Governor at least annually and usually every six months and conducts reviews and reports as required. Such reviews consist of a written and oral report by the supervising psychiatrist and oral reports from other persons who are involved with the custody and treatment of such persons. Reviews are generally conducted in the presence of the patient and most often with the attendance of legal counsel who may question the information presented to the Board and make submissions with respect to recommendations.

Reviews are conducted at Alberta Hospital Edmonton and at the Claresholm Care Centre.

The Board reports and makes recommendations as to the status of the patient and any privileges which may be appropriate in the event that discharge is not appropriate.

Activities:

■ Cases reviewed

During the fiscal year 1990-91, the Board reviewed 112 cases. Of these, five persons were discharged as recovered, three absolutely, one conditionally and one by way of interprovincial transfer. Eight people were returned to stand trial as fit. There were 15 admissions: nine were found unfit to stand trial and five were found not guilty by reason of insanity and one by way of interprovincial transfer;

■ Changes

It is anticipated that there will be amendments to the Criminal Code to provide for a change in authority of the Board from one of recommendation to that of determination of the status and privileges of such persons subject to an appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Function and organization:

The Crimes Compensation Board assists victims of violent crimes who suffer financial loss as a direct result of injuries or death. The three-member Board may make financial awards in one-time payments, periodic payments, supplemental payments or monthly payments. The Board reviews monthly awards annually or as circumstances warrant and may make adjustments to reflect changing circumstances.

Payments by the Board are based on the victim's actual pecuniary losses which include lost wages.

Activities:

■ Applications for compensation

During the year, the Board received 365 applications, 328 of which were from individuals who had suffered loss due to injury; 36 were from persons suffering loss due to death, including claims for support by dependents; and one application for property damage. The most frequent crimes for which applications were received were: assault causing bodily harm (198), robbery with violence (27), murder (26), assault on a peace officer (24), sexual assault (22) and attempted murder (14);

■ Decisions

The Board made 525 decisions. Sixty-one applicants were refused, 257 were final awards and the remainder were interim or supplemental awards.

■ Monthly payments

During this fiscal period, 65 victims received payments ranging from \$50 to \$3,100 a month.

FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

K.E. Vik, M.D. – Chairperson

M. Goulland – member

K. Wood, L.L.B. – member

Function and organization:

Board members review all cases of accidental, unclassified and undetermined deaths. As well, deaths involving wards of the Court, any person held in custody and institutionalized persons who are retained under the Mental Health Act are reviewed. Subsequently a Public Inquiry may be held before judges of the Provincial Court of Alberta

A lawyer, a physician and a lay person are appointed to the Board by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The Chief Medical Examiner is an ex-officio member of the Board.



LAND COMPENSATION BOARD*

A.O. Ackroyd, Q.C. – Chairman

Function and organization:

The Land Compensation Board is an autonomous Board which operates independently from the Department of the Attorney General with a chairman, eight members and four support staff. During the 1990-91 fiscal year, two new members were appointed to the Board – both of whom are also members of the Public Utilities Board (PUB) – bringing the total number of members to 10. Land Compensation Board expenses were significantly reduced because the chairman and three PUB members serve without remuneration.

The Land Compensation Board was established in 1975 to deal with the expropriation of land and the determination of full compensation to owners for land losses, costs and expenses resulting from expropriation. Under the Expropriation Act, several groups including municipalities, irrigation districts and other crown agencies may expropriate land from Alberta land owners. Property owners not satisfied with the payment proposed by expropriating authorities may apply to the Board to have compensation determined. From evidence presented at a public hearing, Board members determine impartially the extend of compensation to be paid based on land value, business losses, damages and costs. All decisions are provided in writing, complete with explanation to the property owner, with copies filed at various provincial courthouses and the law libraries throughout the Province.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

Nancy Brown Medwid – Executive Director

Activities:

■ Applications

A total of 24 new applications were made to the Board during 1990-91:

- 18 were to determine compensation;
- four were to have costs taxed;
- two dealt with procedural matters

■ Hearings

From the new applications received, and applications still outstanding, a total of 15 hearings were held by the Board during 1990-91:

- eight hearings dealt with the determination of compensation, which resulted in compensation totalling over \$4.7 million (of which one hearing lasted 29 days with compensation over \$3.5 million);
- four were determined costs;
- three hearings dealt with procedural matters.
- *effective April 1, 1991 Ministerial responsibility for the Land Compensation Board was transferred to the Honourable Shirley McClellan, Associate Minister of Agriculture.*

Function and organization:

The fundamental purpose of the Legal Aid Society is to ensure that all people enjoy the right to equality before the law and that no person goes unrepresented in the legal process due to lack of financial resources. The Society appoints counsel (lawyers from the private bar) to represent eligible persons in criminal and civil matters. Eligibility is determined by financial and substantive guidelines. Funding is provided by the provincial government, a portion of which is recovered from the federal government.

The Society is governed by a Board of Directors, the Law Society of Alberta and the Attorney General of Alberta. Legal Aid is made possible by the participation of private bar members in the judicare model of delivery.

■ Ongoing representation:

During the year, the Society received 36,887 applications for coverage. Of the certificates issued, 54 percent were for criminal cases, 21 percent for young offenders and 25 percent for civil matters.

Activities:

■ Staff lawyer pilot project

The two staff lawyers started work in Calgary and Edmonton in 1990. The project was originally scheduled to terminate on March 31, 1991, but it has been extended for a further year. At present, the lawyers provide civil legal services including summary advice and the handling of reciprocity legal aid files. It is anticipated the duties of staff lawyers will be expanded to permit the Society to better evaluate this pilot project;

■ Legal Aid tariff

The resolution by the membership of the Law Society to withdraw from the Legal Aid Agreement with the Attorney General, was passed overwhelmingly in October 1990. In November 1990, the Benchers tabled the Resolution and nominated a negotiating team to meet with representatives of the Attorney General. As of the end of this fiscal year these negotiations have not yet concluded;

■ Provision of services in isolated areas

As the day office opened in High Level last year proved successful, another day office also operating on a part time basis was opened this year in High Prairie. These branch offices allow greater access to legal aid. Duty Counsel is now available in 76 separate Adult and Youth docket courts across the province.

APPENDIX A

Acts Administered by the Attorney General

Administration of Estates Act
Administrative Procedures Act
Age of Majority Act
Alberta Evidence Act
Alberta General Insurance Company Act
Arbitration Act
Builders' Lien Act
Bulk Sales Act
Commissioners for Oaths Act
Contributory Negligence Act
Court of Appeal Act
Court of Queen's Bench Act
Criminal Injuries Compensation Act
Dangerous Dogs Act
Daylight Saving Time Act
Defamation Act
Department of the Attorney General Act
Devolution of Real Property Act
Domestic Relations Act
Dower Act
Execution Creditors Act
Exemptions Act
Expropriation Act*
Extra-provincial Enforcement
of Custody Orders Act
Factors Act
Family Relief Act
Fatal Accidents Act
Fatality Inquiries Act
Fraudulent Preferences Act
Frustrated Contracts Act
Garagemen's Lien Act
Guarantees Acknowledgment Act
Innkeepers Act
International Child Abduction Act
International Commercial Arbitration Act
International Conventions
Implementation Act

Interpretation Act
Interprovincial Subpoena Act
Intestate Succession Act
Judgment Interest Act
Judicature Act
Jury Act
Justices of the Peace Act
Land Titles Act
Landlord's Rights on Bankruptcy Act
Languages Act/Loi Linguistique
Law of Property Act**
Legal Profession Act
Legitimacy Act
Limitation of Actions Act
Maintenance Enforcement Act
Maintenance Order Act
Married Women's Act
Masters and Servants Act
Matrimonial Property Act
Mechanical Recording of Evidence Act
Metis Settlements Act
Metis Settlements Accord
Implementation Act
Metis Settlements Land Protection Act
Minors' Property Act
Notaries Public Act
Oaths of Office Act
Occupiers' Liability Act
Partnership Act
Perpetuities Act
Personal Property Security Act
Petty Trespass Act
Possessory Liens Act
Proceedings Against the Crown Act
Provincial Court Act
Provincial Court Judges Act
Provincial Offences Procedure Act
Public Inquiries Act

Public Trustee Act
Queen's Counsel Act
Reciprocal Enforcement of
Judgments Act
Reciprocal Enforcement of
Maintenance Orders Act
Regulations Act
Revised Statutes 1980 Act
Road Building Machinery
Equipment Act
Sale of Goods Act
Seizures Act
Surrogate Court Act
Survival of Actions Act
Survivorship Act
Tort-Feasors Act
Trustee Act
Ultimate Heir Act
Unconscionable Transactions Act
Warehouse Receipts Act
Warehousemen's Lien Act
Wills Act
Women's Institute Act
Woodmen's Lien Act
Young Offenders Act

* Jointly administered in part with the Associate Minister
of Agriculture

** Jointly administered in part with the Minister of
Forestry, Lands and Wildlife

B APPENDIX B

Revenue and Expenditure

Statement of Revenue for the year ending March 31, 1991 (Unaudited)

Payments from Government of Canada:

Legal Aid	\$ 6,455,923
Other	689,110
	<u>7,145,033</u>

Fees, Permits and Licences:

Land Titles Fees	40,663,721
Personal Property Fees	8,377,823
Queen's Bench Fees	4,893,135
Public Trustee Fees	4,472,595
Sheriff's Fees	1,685,159
Other Fees	1,791,578
	<u>61,884,011</u>

Other Revenue:

Investment Income:	
Bank Interest.....	478,724
Refunds of expenditure:	
Salaries and expenses	242,135
Previous years' refunds	47,176
Fines	21,581,982
Maintenance Enforcement	9,991,580
Fines Late Payment Penalty	2,493,590
Assurance Fund Surpluses	2,242,890
Miscellaneous	1,846,505
	<u>38,924,582</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$107,953,626</u>

Statement of Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1991 (Unaudited)

Departmental Support Services	\$ 8,200,321
Court Services	62,696,713
Legal Services	37,947,828
Support for Legal Aid	15,650,000
Protection & Administration of	
Property Rights	25,432,155
Fatality Inquiries	3,920,751
Crimes Compensation	1,330,344
Total Expenditures	<u>\$155,178,112*</u>

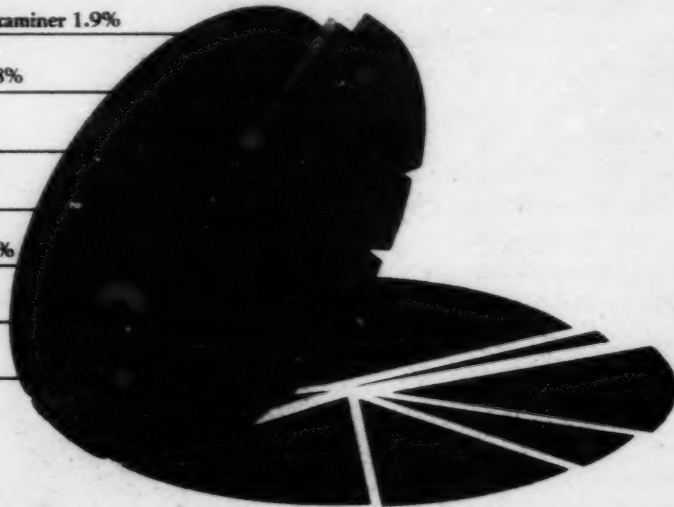
* Excludes expenditures by the Gaming Commission and the Gaming Control Branch which were transferred to the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services on March 14, 1991.

APPENDIX

Personnel Distribution

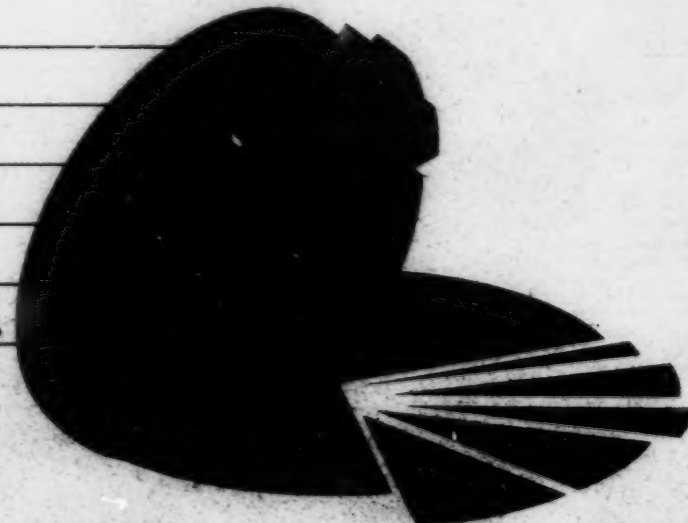
Permanent position distribution by division for the year ending March 31, 1991

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	1.9%
Criminal Justice Division	11.8%
Court Services	46.2%
Civil Division	6.0%
Administration Division	12.3%
Property Registration	15.5%
Public Trustee	6.3%



Permanent position distribution by occupational category for the year ending March 31, 1991

Technical	2.2%
Judges	4.8%
Managers	4.0%
Non-Legal Professional	8.2%
Lawyers	10.2%
Administrative Support	70.6%



Total permanent positions = 2,433

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APPENDIX

COURTS IN ALBERTA

There are four courts in Alberta, all constituted by provincial statute, the Court of Appeal of Alberta, the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, The Surrogate Court of Alberta and The Provincial Court of Alberta. Under the Department of the Attorney General Act, the Attorney General is responsible for the provision of administrative support to all of the courts within the province. This support is provided by the Court Services Branch of the Department. The Department also maintains a registry for the Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories.

The Supreme Court of Canada, although not constituted or administered provincially, is the court of last appeal from courts of provincial jurisdiction.

COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA

*The Honourable J.H. Laycraft –
Chief Justice of Alberta*

The Court of Appeal consists of the Chief Justice of Alberta and 13 Justices of Appeal, all appointed federally by the Governor-General-in-Council. The Court sits both in Calgary and Edmonton.

Rulings made at lower levels of court may be appealed to the Court of Appeal. Appeal Justices decide whether an appeal will be allowed in respect of decisions made by justices or judges of lower courts in both civil and criminal matters.

Fort McMurray District

Peace River District

Grande Prairie District

Edmonton District

Vegreville District

Wetaskiwin District

Red Deer District

Drumheller/Hanna District

Calgary District

Medicine Hat District

Macleod District

Lethbridge District

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

*The Honourable W.K. Moore –
Chief Justice*

The Chief Justice presides over the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. In addition to the Chief Justice, the Court is comprised of an Associate Chief Justice and 62 additional justices. During 1990-91, three justices were appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench.

The Court hears trials in both civil and criminal matters as well as appeals of decisions made by judges of The Provincial Court of Alberta.

THE SURROGATE COURT OF ALBERTA

*The Honourable W.K. Moore –
Chief Justice*

The Chief Justice and the other justices of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta also sit as judges of The Surrogate Court.

The Surrogate Court has jurisdiction in relation to testamentary matters and in the issuing of grants of probate and administration. It also has jurisdiction in the appointment of guardians and trustees.

THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF ALBERTA

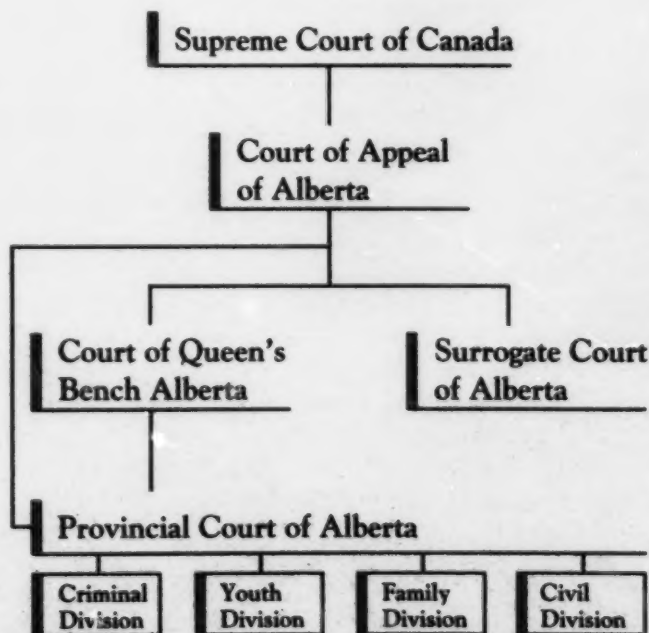
*His Honour E.R. Wachowich –
Chief Judge*

The Chief Judge presides over The Provincial Court of Alberta. In addition to the Chief Provincial Judge and eight Assistant Chief Judges, the court is comprised of 105 judges. Nine judges were appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to off-set retirements which occurred on the Provincial Court Bench throughout the 1989-90 and 1990-91 fiscal periods: three for Calgary, two for Edmonton, one for Canmore, one for Hinton, one for Lethbridge and one for Red Deer. One Judge was appointed as a Supernumerary.

There are 24 permanent Provincial Court locations and 76 circuit courts in Alberta.

The Provincial Court exercises both criminal and civil jurisdiction by virtue of the Criminal Code, the Provincial Court Act and a variety of other statutes.

For caseload statistics of all four courts see page 30.



Court Caseload Statistics for the year ending March 31, 1991

Court of Appeal of Alberta	1990-91	1989-90
Civil appeals filed	627	756
Civil appeals heard	235	375
Criminal appeals filed	908	1,044
Criminal appeals heard	687	802

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta	1990-91	1989-90
Civil and Criminal Cases		
Civil actions commenced (excluding divorce)	52,840	53,531
Civil trials heard (excluding divorce)	1,638	1,641
Petitions for divorce commenced	10,324	10,201
Decree nisi/Divorce judgments granted	8,725	8,471
Criminal trials heard	2,638	2,693
Summary conviction appeals filed	1,566	1,186
Summary conviction appeals heard	1,251	909

Sheriff's Office		
Writs of execution filed	17,528	17,511
Distress warrants filed	15,560	13,901
Seizure activities	15,713	14,798
Process served	12,058	11,649
Jury summonses served	17,285	19,033

Surrogate Court of Alberta	1990-91	1989-90
Applications for Probate Administration filed	5,973	6,104
Grants of Probate issued	5,662	5,754

Provincial Court of Alberta	1990-91	1989-90
Criminal Division		

Provincial Statute Offences received on Violation Tickets*	702,463	692,341
Charges received on Criminal Code Informations	161,157	172,784

Family & Youth Divisions		
Docketed Youth Charges**	65,312	52,927
Child Welfare applications	6,274	6,199
Family Court applications	4,003	3,940

Civil Division		
Civil claims and Landlord and Tenant applications filed	33,198	30,642

* The number of Violation Tickets received includes tickets issued to young offenders.

** Also includes Reviews of Dispositions of young offenders

APPENDIX E

Titles Offices

Activities for the Year Ending March 31, 1991

1990-91

Document Registrations

Transfers	128,708
Mortgages	89,320
Caveats	98,174
Liens	8,107
Discharges	204,617
Easements & Utility Rights-of-Way	8,191
Miscellaneous	114,102
Total	651,219

Survey Plan Registrations

Subdivision Plans	1,597
Condominium Plans	238
Road Plans	756
Right-of-Way Plans	2,601
Descriptive Plans	877
Others	326
Total	6,395

Tax Recovery

Titles Endorsed	6,502
Tax Notices Issued	18,706

Certificates of Title Issued

On Transfers	141,577
On New Subdivision Plans	13,460
On New Condominium Plans	8,429
Total	163,466

Searches

Plans (pulled)	176,620
Phone (legals & GR's)	30,178
Fax (legals & GR's)	370,238
Titles (pages)	1,988,772
Search Computer Title (prints)	2,278,082
Registration Computer Title (prints)	824,634
Microfiche (pages)	61,803
Microfilm Documents (pages)	1,177,481
Documents (pages)	135,402
General Register (names)	534,147
Total	7,577,357

APPENDIX F

ul Examiner's Office

Alberta Deaths Reported for the year ending March 31, 1991

Natural	1,860
Accidental.....	736
Suicidal	416
Homicidal	85
Unclassified.....	188
Undetermined.....	79
	<u>3,364</u>

Corneal Donation Program for the year-ending March 31, 1991

	Requests	Donations
Calgary	55	30
Edmonton	26	21
Alberta	81	51

percentage of requests fulfilled = 63%